

# Worcester County Recycling

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## Waste Reduction Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2003, 42.1% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 42.1% waste diversion rate.

## Residential Program

### *Curbside*

- ▶ No County operated curbside collection exists at this time.

### *Drop-off*

- ▶ There are four transfer stations at Pocomoke City, Snow Hill, Berlin & Central Landfill that accept mixed paper, cardboard, glass, plastic bottles, and metal cans for recycling. These transfer stations serve approximately 40,000 individuals.
- ▶ There are permanent drop-offs for all the above materials at Ocean Pines, Bishopville Park and at Wal-Mart just outside of Ocean City.
- ▶ There are also drop-offs at Whaleyville, Stockton and Public Landing.

### *Processing/Marketing*

- ▶ Mixed paper and containers are processed and marketed through Worcester County's Recycling processing site.

### *Municipalities*

- ▶ Snow Hill and Berlin have curbside collection serving 3000 households for glass, aluminum and steel cans, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, newspapers, mixed paper, and cardboard.
- ▶ Recycling is mandatory in Snow Hill and Berlin.
- ▶ Snow Hill has three drop-offs locations that collect newspaper, aluminum and steel cans, glass, and #1 and #2 plastic bottles.
- ▶ Pocomoke City has two drop-offs that collect newspaper, aluminum and steel cans, glass, and #1 and #2 plastic bottles.
- ▶ Ocean City has a residential curbside collection program of the same materials for approximately 300 households.
- ▶ There are seven voluntary drop-offs in Ocean City. During the tourist season, 250-300 pounds/day of cans are collected. An Ocean City government operated site on 65th Street pays for aluminum cans.

### *Yard Trimmings*

- ▶ There are *yard trimming* drop-off sites at the Snow Hill, Pocomoke Berlin and central site landfill transfer stations. The yard trimmings are composted and used by the County.
- ▶ The County is encouraging *backyard composting* through public education. A booklet has been distributed to schools and libraries.

### *Other Materials*

- ▶ *Waste oil* is collected at all four transfer stations plus four drop-off locations in Ocean City.
- ▶ *White goods* are collected at all four transfer stations plus the landfill.
- ▶ *Christmas trees* can be dropped off at all transfer stations.

### *Household Hazardous Waste*

- ▶ The County holds semi-annual HHW collection days in the Spring and the Fall. Contact the County for details.
- ▶ The County has a permanent drop-off for mercury at the Health Department. Call 410-632-1100 for details.

### *Electronics*

- ▶ The County has a permanent electronics drop-off site at the Central Landfill. There will be no cost to Worcester County residents.

## **Commercial Program**

- ▶ Ocean City provides recycling collection services to businesses wishing to recycle office paper, corrugated cardboard, glass, and aluminum. Recycling glass and aluminum in Ocean City is mandatory under a city ordinance for businesses holding a liquor license allowing on-site consumption. Cardboard is collected from 80 businesses in Ocean City.

## **Public Buildings**

- ▶ White paper goods and aluminum are being collected in County buildings and all 13 schools.

## **Public Education & Outreach**

- ▶ The Recycling Coordinator visits schools and civic groups to promote recycling.
- ▶ Newspaper advertisements highlight and support local recycling activities.

## **Special Program**

- ▶ The County uses County prison work-release prisoners for labor in the Recycling Program.

**Disposal**

- ▶ The landfill-tipping fee is \$55/ton. C&D tipping fee is \$75.00/ton, metal is \$25.00/ton. To support recycling programs, 15% is credited back to municipalities who recycle.
- ▶ The County opened Cell 3 in October 2002 (a 4 year, 21 acre cell) at the County's Central Landfill.
- ▶ Cell 4 is in Planning stage – should open in 2006.
- ▶ Berlin and Pocomoke City Landfills have been capped.
- ▶ Snow Hill is scheduled for closure in 2005.

**Financing**

- ▶ The Recycling Program is funded from the tipping fee. The landfill is operated as an enterprise fund.